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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON GOVERNOR FARIA LIMA

- 1. FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON RIO'S GOVERNOR FARIA LIMA.
- 2. VICE-ADMIRAL (RETIRED) FLORIANO PEIXOTO FARIA LIMA WAS APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF RIO DE JANEIRO STATE ON 15 MARCH 1975. CONSIDERED A COMPETENT ADMINISTRATOR, THE SIXTY-YEAR-OLD GOVERNOR HAD A DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITHIN THE BRAZILIAN NAVY INCLUDING A TOUR OF DUTY IN WASHINGTON AS NAVAL ATTACHE (1967-1969). UPON RETIREMENT FROM ATIVE DUTY, FARIA LIMA SERVED AS A DIRECTOR AND THEN VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL OIL MONOPOLY, PETROBRAS.
- 3. FARIA LIMA APPEARS TO ENJOY THE CONFIDENCE OF PRESIDENT ERNESTO GEISEL. THE GOVERNOR'S MOST NOTED ACCOMPLISHMENT HAS BEEN RESOLVING THE MANY BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE MERGER OF THE OLD STATES OF GUANABARA (THE DITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO) AND RIO DE JANEIRO INTO NEW RIO DE JANEIRO STATE. FARIA LIMA HAS A REPUTATION FOR IGNORING PROFESSIONAL POLITICIANS. HE HAS SOME DIFFICULTY IN RELATING TO MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTY, WHICH IS STRONG IN CONFIDENTIAL

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RIO DE JANEIRO.

4. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH. DEXTER

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